National Computer Network (NICNET) connecting the various Departments/Ministries at the Central and State levels. This programme is being implemented by National Informatics Centre (NIC) who have already developed a number of software systems for computerisation of various Central Government departments. During 7th Plan, NIC has been given an allocation of Rs. 62 crores for the purpose.

(b) The medium level computers required at the state level will be procured from indigenous manufacturers who have been permitted to manufacture the mainframe or the Super-Mini computer systems. The Microprocessor systems required will be procured from the indigenous sources. Very large systems required for the network which are not manufactured in the country have been already procured from NEC, Japan.

(c) These machines are being or will be maintained either in house by National Informatics centre or by CMC Limited.

Disappearance of two AN-32 Aircraft of the Indian Air Force

369. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI M. KADHARSHA :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of aircraft accidents involving the AN-32 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force during the last six months ;

(b) what are the circumstances leading to disappearance of two of these aircraft on the 22nd and 25th March, 1986 respectively, during the course of their flight;

(c) what is the number of total hours of flying done by either of the two aircraft;

(d) what are the details of efforts made to locate them and whether any clues to rule out the possibility of any foul play have been found so far;

(e) whether any investigation into the mishaps has been made ; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what are the details of the loss of life and material suffered as a result of the accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Two AN-32 aircraft are missing since 22nd and 25th March, 1986.

(b) The AN-32 aircraft reported missing on 22nd March, 1986 was on a routine air maintenance task in the J&K area. When the aircraft was about 70 nautical miles from Pathankot, the pilot decided to return to base due to bad weather. Thereafter, contact was lost with this aircraft. The AN-32 aircraft reported missing on 25th March, 1986 was on the last leg of its ferry from the Soviet Union, between Muscat and Jamnagar. The last radio contact with the captain of this aircraft was at 1445 hours.

(c) The first AN-32 aircraft had flown about 543 hours. The second was a new aircraft and had done about 40 hours of flying.

(d) and (e) An intensive search by air ground parties was immidiately launched to locate the first aircraft missing in the J & K area. When the second aircraft did not reach Jamnagar in time an areal search was launched by IAF/Naval aircraft and/Naval Coast Guard ships. The civil authorities in coastal areas were alerted. All flights ex-Bombay were also requested to monitor distress signals. Courts of Inquary have been ordered to investigate all aspects relevant to the possible causes for the loss of the aircraft, which are still in progress. So far neither the aircraft nor wreckege has been located. No clues are presently available to suggest the possibility of foul play.

(f) The first AN-32 aircraft had four members of the aircrew, fourteen Army personnel and one officer of the Border Roads Organisation on Board. The second aircraft had three members of the aircrew and four supporting crew on board. All these personnel are missing.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Draft Notification containing *The Ministers' Allowances, Medical* Treatment and other Privileges Amendment Rules, 1986

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : Sir, on behalf of Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao, I beg to lay on the table under sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Draft Notification No. F. No. 10/41/85—M&G, containing the Ministers Allowances, Medical Treatment and other Privileges Amendment Rules 1986. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—2346/86]

I. Report and Accounts (Year ended the 30th June 1985) of the Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank Limited Madras and related papers

II. Citizenship (Second Amendment) Rules, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank Limited, Madras for the year ended the 30th June, 1985, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Reveiw by Government on the working of the bank.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—2544/86 for (i) to (iii)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs *Notification G S.R. No.* 567(C), dated the Ist April, 1986 publishing the Citizenship (Second Amendment) Rules, 1986, under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Citizenship Act, 1955. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2485/86]

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications :—

(i) G. S. R. No. 614(E), dated the 11th April, 1986, making certain amendment to Notificafition No. 247/84—Cus. dated the 27th September, 1984.

(ii) G. S. R. Nos. 615(E) and 616(E), dated the 11th April, 1986, exempting black continuously plated solar selective coating sheets in cut lengths or in coils imported for the manufacture of solar energy equipments, from the whole of basic,